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New York. 8vo.—*From the Editor.*

Lithographic Portrait of the late Dr. R. M. Bird.—*From Dr. Ruschenberger.*

Several members appointed at former meetings to prepare obituary notices were discharged from the duty assigned them.

Mr. Justice mentioned a singular instance of deprivation of the senses of taste and smell, resulting from an accidental injury to the head.

About nine months since, a person of his acquaintance was thrown from his carriage while riding. In his fall, his head first came in contact with the ground, producing a concussion of the brain. The injury appeared to have been received behind, but above the ear. He was laid on his bed in a state of total insensibility, and so remained for nearly a month, about which time he revived, and to his surprise found that he had entirely lost both the senses of taste and smell. In this situation he still remains, and it is now equally indifferent to him what he partakes of as food, so far as regards all taste;—Cayenne pepper or saw-dust, as he expressed it, being alike tasteless. But, as a compensation for this loss, he enjoys a constant sensation of a most delightful character, which he can only compare to the most delicious cordial flowing through his mouth. This continues night and day, and is particularly perceptible when his lips are apart and he inhales the air through his mouth. The only intermission to this pleasurable sensation is while he is partaking of his food.

Judge Kane introduced Mr. Weld, Assistant Secretary of the Royal Society of London.

Mr. Justice offered his resignation as a member of the Committee on the Hall, which was, on motion, accepted.

Stated Meeting, October 20.

Present, seventeen members.

JUDGE KANE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Batavian Society of Arts and Sciences, dated

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Batavia, 30th October, 1852, announcing a donation for the library:—

From the Royal Belgian Academy of Sciences, dated Brussels, 12th October, 1853, acknowledging the receipt of Part 2, Vol. X. of the Transactions, and No. 48 of the Proceedings of this Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Verhandelingen van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen. Deel XXIV. Batavia, 1852. 4to.—*From the Batavian Society of Arts and Sciences.*

Bibliothecæ Societatis Artium Scientiarumque quæ Bataviæ floret:—
Catalogus systematicus. Curante P. Bleeker, Anno 1846. Editio altera, curante J. Munnich. Batavia, 1853. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Flora Batava, of Afbeelding en Beschrijving van Nederlandsche Gewassen. Aflevering 147–151, 159, 175. Amsterdam. 4to.—*From the Government of Holland.*

Mémoires de l'Académie Royale des Sciences, des Lettres et des Beaux Arts de Belgique. Tome XXVII. Bruxelles, 1853. 4to.—*From the Academy.*

Bulletins de l'Académie Royale de Belgique. Tome XIX. Partie 3. Tome XX. Parties 1, 2, 3. Tome XXI. Partie 1: et Annexe aux Bulletins, 1853, 1854. Bruxelles. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Mémoires Couronnés et Mémoires des Savants Etrangers, publiés par l'Académie Royale des Sciences, &c., de Belgique. Tome XXV. 1851–1853. Bruxelles. 4to.

Idem: Collection in 8vo. Tomes V. VI. Bruxelles, 1853.—*From the same.*

Annuaire de l'Académie Royale de Belgique, 1853, 1854. Années XIX. XX. Bruxelles. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Annales de l'Observatoire Royal de Bruxelles, par A. Quetelet, Directeur. Tome X. Bruxelles, 1854. 4to.—*From M. Quetelet.*

Annuaire de l'Observatoire Royal de Bruxelles, par A. Quetelet, Directeur. 1854. XXI. Année. Bruxelles. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Almanach Seculaire de l'Observatoire Royal de Bruxelles, par le Directeur A. Quetelet. Bruxelles. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Observations des Phénomènes Périodiques. Bruxelles. 4to.

Rapport adressé à M. le Ministre de l'Intérieur, sur l'état et les travaux de l'Observatoire Royal, pendant l'année 1853, par le Directeur A. Quetelet.

Sur la déclinaison, l'inclinaison et la force de l'aiguille magnétique à Bruxelles, et sur les variations de ces trois élémens depuis quelques années:—

Sur les Aurores Boréales, et sur l'inclinaison magnétique à Bruxelles:—

Sur l'Electricité des nuages orageux:—Par A. Quetelet. Bruxelles. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Méthode pour déterminer simultanément la latitude, la longitude, l'heure et l'azimut, par des passages observés dans deux verticaux: par J. C. Houzeau, Ancien aide à l'observatoire de Bruxelles. (Mem. Cour. tome XXV.)—*From the Author.*

On the Constants of Nature. Class Mammalia: by Ch. Babbage. Bruxelles. 4to.—*From the Royal Belgian Academy.*

Report of the Special Committee of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, on the Distribution of the Income of the Smithsonian Fund, &c. Washington, 1854. 8vo.—*From the Smithsonian Institution.*

Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXVIII. No. 4. October, 1854. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*

African Repository. Vol. XXX. No. 10. October, 1854. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*

Report of the Superintendent of the United States Coast Survey, showing the progress of the Survey during the year 1852. Washington, 1853. 8vo.—*From A. D. Bache, Superintendent U. S. Coast Survey.*

The Elements of Intellectual Philosophy; by Francis Wayland, President of Brown University, &c., &c. Boston, 1854. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Die Galvanische Kette, mathematisch bearbeitet, von Dr. G. S. Ohm. Berlin, 1827. 8vo.—*From Prof. J. F. Frazer.*

The Scientific Stair Builder: by Robert Riddell. Illustrated with forty plates.—*From the Author.*

Mathematics Simplified and made Attractive; or the Laws of Motion Explained: by Thomas Fisher. (Revised copy.) Philadelphia, 1854. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Astronomical Journal. Vol. IV. No. 4. October 7, 1854. Cambridge. 4to.—*From B. A. Gould, Jr., Editor.*

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The Society proceeded to the stated business of the meeting, the balloting for candidates for membership.

All other business being concluded, the ballot box was examined by the presiding officer, and WILLIAM PARKER FOULKE, of Philadelphia, was declared to be duly elected a member of the Society.

Stated Meeting, November 13.

Present, sixteen members.

Dr. FRANKLIN BACHE, President, in the Chair.

William Parker Foulke, a recently elected member, was introduced and took his seat.

Letters were read:—

From C. A. Dohrn, dated Stettin, 6th October, 1854, acknowledging the receipt of notice of his election as a member of the Society:—

From the Holland Society of Sciences, dated Haarlem, July, 1854, announcing a donation for the library, and returning thanks for Part 2, Vol. X. of the Transactions of this Society:—

From the Society of Antiquaries, dated Somerset House, London, 26th June, 1854, and from the Cambridge Philosophical Society, dated Cambridge, February, 1854,—both announcing donations for the library:—

From the Association for the Promotion of Horticulture in Prussia, dated Berlin, 25th September, 1854, announcing a donation for the library, and proposing an exchange of publications with this Society:—

From a Committee of the New York Historical Society, dated September 12, 1854, inviting attendance, on the part of this Society, at the celebration of their semi-centennial anniversary on the 20th November, 1854:—

From Lieut. M. F. Maury, dated National Observatory, Washington, Oct. 21, 1854, announcing the discovery there of a new asteroid, by Mr. James Ferguson, Assistant Astronomer,